

YOKE OF GUILT LIFTED FROM HALL KIN

Long Nightmare Of Prosecution Comes to an End

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He pointed out that the present action in dismissing the indictments would prove no bar in the event new evidence was discovered. He said he understood popular sentiment favored conviction.

"That might have been the case when it started," Senator Clarence Case interjected, "but as the trial proceeded facts were brought out that caused a switch in sentiment."

Before leaving the court room Senator Case said that Mrs. Hall had made no plans for her future, except that she would do "all she could to avoid publicity."

There are still several matters which need cleaning up before the case is officially "embalmed" from every angle.

The preliminary hearing of Felix Di Martini, private detective for Mrs. Hall, charged with being an accessory after the fact, will be held before Judge Cleary in court here Monday. It is expected the charge against him will be dismissed.

Mrs. Clark Arraigned Monday

Mrs. Minna Clark, also accused as an accessory after the fact, and now at liberty in \$5,000 bail, will be given a hearing Monday also. Dismissal is forecast here also.

The bail of \$40,000 posted by Mrs. Hall will be returned shortly, Justice Parker said.

Senator Simpson was in his office when informed by a reporter

With Two of Her Stanch Friends



MRS. FRANCES S. HALL (center) is here photographed with her private attorney, Timothy Pfeiffer (left), and her cousin, Commander Arthur S. Carpender, U. S. N. (right).

Dr. Straton Flays Frivolity And Shows in Hall Church

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In my last article in this series on the Hall-Mills case, in reply to questions of correspondents, I dealt briefly with the matter of philandering preachers.

Hall Jurors Silent, But Report Hints 3 Ballots Taken

Special Dispatch to The GRAPHIC
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 4.—The Hall-Mills jury did not believe the stories of Mrs. Jane Gibson, Mrs. Marie Demarest or ex-State Trooper Henry Dickman, according to Fred Sage, Warren farmer, one of the jurors.

"On the evidence presented, I would have stayed in the jury room thirty years before I would have brought in a verdict of guilty," Sage declared.

None of the jurors would comment on the number of ballots taken. It was reported, however, that there were three.

Frank A. Dunster, the elderly foreman, who is a Somerville teamster and father-in-law of George D. Totten, former Somerset county detective employed by the New York Mirror to solve the case, was the state's strongest defender. On the first ballot the vote was reported as 10 to 2.

The jury left the courtroom at 1.46 and returned at 3.45. Justice Parker had charged them for about forty minutes.

Quake Destroys Russian Village

LENINAKAN, RUSSIAN ARMENIA, Dec. 4 (By U. P.).—A devastating earthquake, comparing in intensity to the recurring temblors which wrought havoc here October 22, has destroyed the village of Kapli. The number of casualties is unknown.

BELLINGHAM, WASH., Dec. 4 (By U. P.).—The severest earthquake felt here in many years shook the city at 5.50 a. m. today. No damage was done, but the shock was sufficient to awaken inhabitants.

There is now a companion consideration which frankness and loyalty to truth demand that we should face, and that is the fact that wordliness in some of the churches today is leading inevitably and increasingly straight into immorality and crime, and that tendency applies both to pulpit and pew.

Tells of Church "Climbers"

In the current issue of one of our American magazines a world famous woman—a leader in the past in both the church and high social circles—has given us the results of her long years of observations within the ranks of some of the so-called "fashionable" and "exclusive" churches of today.

With merciless frankness she has torn the veil from the foolish face of this worldly and apostate type of church. She has told us of the social climbing, of the self-indulgence of rectors and members alike in worldly things, and of the consequent loss both of spiritual power within such churches and of respect for them in the world outside.

I would not seem uncharitable or unkind, but the influences of these wrong things are so insid-

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BOY HURT IN SCHOOL

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 4.—While feeding a press before visitors in the printing room branch of the manual training department of the West Orange Junior High School last night, John Pranti, 14, of 12 Mitchell St., caught his left hand in the machine and received injuries that may make amputation necessary, it was said at the Orange Memorial Hospital. Twenty-three stitches were taken in his hand.

Morse Fraud Jury Undecided After 24 Hours' Debate

After twenty-four hours of heated debate the jury considering the fates of Erwin A. Harry E. and Benjamin W. Morse and several others told the court today they had been unable to reach an agreement. They will continue their deliberations this afternoon.

The defendants are charged with conspiracy to use the mails in the fraudulent promotion of stock companies organized by C. W. Morse, who escaped trial because of ill health.



Charles W. Morse

Marjorie Rambeau Again Faces Wife's \$100,000 Balm Suit

Marjorie Rambeau, actress named as corespondent in the successful divorce suit brought by Mrs. Mabel Manton against William Kevitt Manton, must show cause on Monday in Supreme Court why Mrs. Manton should not be permitted to serve the complaint in her alienation of affections suit for \$100,000.



Marjorie Rambeau

Mrs. Manton served the summons in 1925, but failed to file the complaint. The show cause order which the actress must answer is signed by Justice Gavagan.

New sensations are expected in this action, which will reveal more of the relations between Miss Rambeau and the ex-husband of Mrs. Manton. The divorce decree was granted Thursday.

Smith to Fight Water Power Grab

ALBANY, Dec. 4 (By U. P.).—Denying that a "public duty" rests

on the water power commissions to award a license for developing water power on the St. Lawrence, Gov. Smith has declared war on the implied purpose of the commission.

The declaration was a reply to Senator Knight, Speaker McGinnies, Attorney-General Ottinger, and State Engineer Finch. The governor characterized as "absurd" the proposal of the four that he withdraw his request for no action by the board.

He said he intends to lay a policy of water power development before the people at a dinner in New York this month and renews his request that the commission take no action.



Gov. Smith

Admiral Forced to Bare War Scare in Fall Trial

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (By U. P.).—The story of the trying days of 1921, when high Navy officials gravely considered the danger of invasion of the Pacific Coast by an unnamed foreign power, was told today to the jury in the conspiracy trial of E. L. Doheny, oil magnate, and Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior.

Rear Admiral J. K. Robison, U. S. N., retired, who conducted negotiations leading up to the Elk

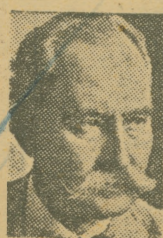
involved, it was known he was referring to the report of Admiral Leakes of the Pacific fleet in 1921, revealing alleged Japanese war plans against the United States.

It was the danger of war, according to the defense, which caused Doheny, "as a patriotic duty," to take over the Pearl Harbor oil tank construction.

Gag Order Admitted

Before Robison took the stand this morning, Justice Hoehling admitted in evidence Wilbur's order to the admiral, binding him to silence on confidential navy information "as a matter of public policy." Prosecution counsel vigorously protested yesterday against admittance of the document.

Robison told of his negotiations with Doheny, and said he kept Edwin Denby, then secretary of the navy, constantly informed of the situation, but did not tell Fall.



A. B. Fall



C. D. Wilbur

Hills and Pearl Harbor leases and contracts given to Doheny by the United States government, told the story under orders of the court, gingerly skirting the edges of "confidential information" which he was under orders from Secretary of the Navy Wilbur not to reveal.

Although he refused to name the "foreign nation or nations" in-



Ralph Gorsline



Barbara Tough

of what had happened. After criticizing Katzenbach, he added: "I am wiping my hands of the Hall-Mills case, but I recommend that prosecution continue. I recommend another prosecutor. I am through. I am going back to my private practice. Everybody knows what that jury was."

In his letter asking withdrawal sent to Governor Moore he declared that he had "neglected his private practice long enough."

Last Shot by Simpson

He recommended prosecution continue, and added that "any withdrawal on the part of the state, with the evidence in its possession already made public in this trial, and the flagrant activity of the politicians in Somerset county, would reflect seriously upon the administration of justice in the state."

"If justice is to be obstructed by a cessation of further prosecution in these murder cases, due to the verdict yesterday, obtained under such circumstances, I respectfully suggest to you, as chief executive of the state, that you embalm 'Jersey Justice' and send her to the British Museum," the letter concludes.

He said he was considering bringing about a legislative investigation into the administration of justice in New Jersey as a result of the Hall-Mills case.

"I probably will seek legislative action when the body goes into session January 13," he said.

"Probably I will seek the investigation of Senator Bright, Republican, of Cape May county, a good friend of mine."

The senator indicated he would want to make the inquiry bipartisan, and explained that he would take such action himself if he felt he had the support of the Legislature.